

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A catheter system and method is provided for overcoming various problems commonly associated with the application of regional anesthesia. Disclosed herein are 5 several embodiments for providing continuous regional anesthesia. In general, the catheter system includes an epidural catheter, an epidural needle, tubing for optional fluid administration, an attached conductive wire (for connection to a nerve stimulator) and a catheter introducer, which is integrated within the proximal hub of the insulated needle. The embodiments may differ in several ways.